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1. FYI.DEPT IS FULLY SENSITIVE TO THE APPARENT POLITICAL PARALLELS BETWEEN THE 1973 DEFCON ALERT AND THE LOWER LEVEL ALERT REPORTED REFTEL. FROM A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE, ESPECIALLY TO THE GOA, THESE DISSIMILAR ALERTS COULD BE TAKEN TO INDICATE A LACK OF USG SENSITIVITY TO AUSTRALIAN CONCERNS AND OUR NOTIFICATION RESPONSIBILITIES BY THOSE WHO MIGHT WISH TO DO SO. WE ARE ALSO MINDFUL OF AUSTRALIAN CONCERNS, EXPRESSED BY AUSTRALIAN DCM WASHINGTON IN A PERSONAL LETTER TO DAS OAKLEY (NOTAL), REGARDING THE DELAYED NOTIFICATION EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF THE LOCALIZED ALERT OF US FORCES IN KOREA IN RESPONSE TO THE 1976 MURDERS IN THE KOREAN DMZ. (LETTER AND RESPONSE, NOW IN CLEARANCE, WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY SEPARATELY.)
END FYI.

2. IN ORDER TO RESPOND PROPERLY TO GOA CONCERNS WHICH
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COULD WELL ARISE AS A RESULT OF THE SEPTEMBER 7 ALERT, WE HAVE ASKED DEFENSE TO REVIEW THE EVENTS OF THAT DATE. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THAT REVIEW WE HAVE SHARED REFTEL WITH APPROPRIATE NMCC AND ISA OFFICERS. CHRISTOPHER

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